

## House Resolution

No. 35

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Garcia, Aghazarian, Benoit, Bogh, Canciamilla, Chavez, Cogdill, Daucher, Emmerson, Haynes, Jerome Horton, Shirley Horton, Huff, La Malfa, Leslie, Maze, McCarthy, Mountjoy, Nakanishi, Niello, Plescia, Richman, Sharon Runner, Spitzer, Strickland, Villines, and Wyland**

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House Resolution No. 35—Relative to Robert E. Ham.

- 1 WHEREAS, Robert E. Ham has been selected by the Board of  
2 Directors of the Off-Road Motor Sports Hall of Fame for  
3 induction into the Off-Road Motor Sports Hall of Fame, and it is  
4 appropriate at this time to highlight his many achievements and  
5 extend to him the special recognition of the public; and  
6 WHEREAS, A lobbyist and off-roader, Bob Ham has served  
7 virtually every segment of the sport for years with uncommon  
8 effectiveness; and  
9 WHEREAS, Cofounder of the California Off-Road Vehicle  
10 Association (CORVA) in 1969, Bob Ham created the Off Road  
11 Vehicle Legislative Coalition in 1983 and united all California  
12 off-road organizations into a single lobbying effort; and  
13 WHEREAS, Working tirelessly to successfully reestablish the  
14 Barstow to Vegas motorcycle race, Bob Ham has finished the  
15 “Baja 1000” on three separate occasions as a Driver of Record;  
16 and  
17 WHEREAS, During his career, Bob Ham has worked for the  
18 Motorcycle Industry Council, Specialty Vehicle Industry  
19 Council, and Motorcycle Safety Foundation, and he helped

1 establish the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation  
2 Commission through a bill he wrote in 1982; and

3 WHEREAS, For 13 years, Bob Ham represented the interests  
4 of trade associations, businesses, and nonprofit organizations in  
5 the areas of transportation, hazardous waste treatment and  
6 recycling, energy, and recreation; and

7 WHEREAS, As a dynamic leader and respected executive,  
8 Bob Ham retired from the State of California in 1997 and became  
9 Director of Governmental Relations for ROMIC Environmental  
10 Technologies Corporation; and

11 WHEREAS, In March 2002, Bob Ham went to work for the  
12 County of Imperial, and he currently serves on the Board of  
13 Directors of the California League of Off Road Voters, as well as  
14 a handful of other organizations with similar goals; and

15 WHEREAS, Bob Ham's personal and professional  
16 commitments portray his focus on service, and through his  
17 efforts, he has made a significant difference in the State of  
18 California and in the lives of its people; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
20 Legislature congratulates Robert E. Ham on his induction into  
21 the Off-Road Motor Sports Hall of Fame, commends him for his  
22 exemplary record of civic leadership, and extends its sincere best  
23 wishes for his success in the future; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly shall transmit  
25 copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.